

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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## THEY CANNOT REPUDIATE THEIR PRESIDENT.

The Democrats of the Sixty-fourth Congress cannot afford to break with President Wilson on the "travel issue" or any other important issue.

They cannot afford to oppose his foreign policy to the extent of thwarting it. Such a course would be party suicide and the Democrats know it.

Woodrow Wilson is the hope of Democratic success this fall. Without him the party is worse than leaderless—it is hopeless. In a national sense, Woodrow Wilson today is the Democratic party. His policies it has endorsed, his legislation it has enacted, his ideas it has espoused.

For several weeks past the Hoke Smiths and the Gores have been putting forward proposals that seriously embarrass the administration in its dealings with the belligerents. Nothing but a determined and united stand by the American people can give to the administration's demands upon Germany, Austria and Great Britain the moral power necessary to force compliance from unwilling diplomats. And if the nation is divided against itself, if Congress is a welter of confusions and contradictions, the European belligerents will conclude, as they will have the right to conclude, that in his attitude our president has small support from the American people.

But the controversies of the Sixty-fourth Congress do not express the will of the people. Mr. Wilson's stand has unquestionably had the support of the great majority of Americans, and the firmest that stand became, the firmer was cemented that support. Not Mr. Wilson's foreign policy so much as his tolerance of method in asserting it has raised the recent criticism against the administration.

The president's tour was admittedly an eye-opener to the professional politicians. The more incisive and smashing his speeches, the more the people liked him. So that when Mr. Wilson returned to Washington, and found the Democrats who should be supporting him putting forward proposals that embarrassed his negotiations abroad, he still felt behind him the strong sentiment of the nation—and he is ready to put Congress to the test. He is ready to "read the law" to wavering party men.

Faced with the clean-cut issue of supporting or failing the president, the Democrats in Congress will support him. What else is there for them to do? He is to be their nominee at St. Louis in June. He must bear the brunt of the national campaign. State elections largely depend on his own national strength. They cannot now repudiate him by a vote that will reject his fundamental policy as defined to the belligerents—the right of Americans to travel on the high seas upon merchantmen, and to be immune from lawless attack.

Mr. Wilson has stood for this right consistently and persistently. It looms up as the biggest single issue of his foreign policy. If Democracy repudiates him on this, then Democracy is repudiating its president on the eve of a national election.

## ENLIGHTENMENT.

Chairman Andrews of the Republican territorial central committee says that the party leaders have not already picked the men who will be delegates to the national convention in Chicago next June. He is quoted this morning as commenting:

"The story in the Star-Bulletin that the moguls of the Republican party have already arranged who the six delegates to Chicago shall be is not only unfair to the party but unfair to the men named, who are all good Republicans."

If Mr. Andrews does not know that the men have been selected, and that the names as published yesterday are the correct list, he is considerably less in touch with party affairs than the party chairman is supposed to be. That is the slate, and those are the men who will go

unless some of them should decide they do not want to make the trip. The men in control of Republican affairs know exactly what they are doing, and it is a surprise to have the party chairman admit he doesn't know.

## JAPAN TAKING PACIFIC TRADE.

Although there has been considerable talk of new fleets coming to the Pacific, action seems to be waiting on the national administration and the possibility that the seaman's law will be amended. In the meantime, Japan is in an era of wonderful shipbuilding activity.

It is a well-known fact that as soon as Japan was informed that the seaman's bill was sure to become law, high officials and leading businessmen began preparing for the Pacific trade thus delivered into Japanese hands. Now it is certain that until the close of the war at least Japan will virtually rule the trans-Pacific trade, particularly in passenger vessels.

Even the smallest of the Japanese yards, according to reports, are working day and night, while the larger plants are running at high pressure.

The work now under way at the better known yards follows:

Nagasaki yards of the Mitsu Bishi Company—Four steamships on the ways with a tonnage of 7500 tons each; two steamships of 3700 tons each. Kobe yards of the same company—Two steamships of 5300 tons each and one of 1800 tons.

Kawasaki Yards, Kobe—One 1700-ton steamship, one 3000-ton ship, two of 4000 tons and three of 7500 tons each.

Osaka Iron Foundry, Osaka—One 1000-ton, twelve 3200-ton, one 5000-ton, and six 7300-ton steamships.

Uraga Dockyard Company, Uraga—Four 3200-ton steamships.

Fujita Nagata Yards—One 2000-ton steamship.

Harima Yards, Kobe—Two 1100-ton steamships.

This makes a total of forty-three steamships now on the ways in the leading Japanese yards and a large number of other new vessels will soon be ordered, negotiations being already in progress.

For fuel Japan is now developing vast areas of steam coal beds and will soon have in storage at coaling stations in the Pacific more coal than the world has even known to be so held.

A New Haven director has paid \$1,125,000 to compromise a suit brought by the government. Very likely he thinks that the administration is persecuting American business.

"War's Effect on American Letters," is the title of a new book. One noticeable effect of the Russian campaign has been a serious disarrangement of American letters.

If Joe Fern could round up on election day and vote all the prisoners who have escaped from his jail he would stand a mighty good chance of being the next mayor.

President Wilson has declared for "incomparably the greatest navy in the world"—and what, oh, what is Col. Roosevelt going to say now?

On that slate for Republican delegates to the Chicago convention we fail to notice the local Bull Moose party's name.

Duluth's proximity to Canada may be responsible for that war scare over a toy balloon.

Our own war plot evidently isn't the kind that thickens—it thins rapidly.

A national savings campaign wouldn't hurt the United States, either.

Even in Leap Year it is not entirely safe to jump at conclusions.

The path of glory has led to Verdun.

## WAR FILLING HOLLAND WITH RESERVE OF GOLD

(By Associated Press)

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands. — Not the least curious of the many strange incidental effects produced by the war is the fact that the small country of the Netherlands probably contains more gold today than ever before in its history. In the past year, for instance, a continual steady inflow of gold from the European continent and overseas has doubled the stocks of the Netherlands bank, and with Holland's foreign exchanges continuing their downward course there is no saying to what figures they may

## DO IT NOW.

(By Associated Press)

Has your past been filled with failure? Vain it is that you regret it. Lose no time in idle grieving; Just forget it. Build not in tomorrow's dream-land. Castles of the missing brow; The Today demands attention—Do the NEXT THING NOW! —Verne DeWitt Rowell, in February Nautilus.

reach if the war lasts much longer and is still kept out of her borders.

## TWO THOUSAND TONS OF CLOTHING FOR GERMANS

(By Associated Press)

TIENTSIN.—More than two thousand tons of clothing and other supplies for Germans interned in Siberia have been shipped from Tientsin to Vladivostok by the American Red Cross. At the request of Dr. Paul S. Reineck, the American minister to China, R. M. Burr of the faculty of Peking University located in Tientsin, and Dr. Charles Siler, physical director of the Tientsin Young Men's Christian Association, have gone to Siberia to assist in the distribution of supplies.

## LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—DAVID L. WALSH: Your city is different from any other place I have ever seen. Its scenery and climate certainly appeal to me powerfully.

JOHN GUILD: We had 22 annual meetings at Alexander & Baldwin's offices in one day recently. Eleven of them were stockholders' meetings and the rest were of directors.

—MALCOLM A. FRANKLIN: We had a good crowd of bidders at our sale of seized and unclaimed goods yesterday. Prices sized up pretty well, too, everything considered.

—W. T. DONNELLY: Already a number of Honoluluans have shown a great deal of interest in my suggestions for a water gate for Oahu. There seems to be a good deal of civic spirit here.

—HARRY STRANGE: I love the islands; I hate to go! I'm coming back as soon as I can. I know you're all sorry to see me go, and all that; but where's my suit case? That's what I want to know.

—DAVID L. MacKAYE: I can hardly account for the increased number of tuberculosis cases reported in February. It was a record-breaking month and the largest in the history of the anti-tuberculosis bureau.

—GEORGE S. CURRY: "Judge of the U. S. police court" is a good name for the U. S. commissioner. I have heard everything from opium to prize-fighting cases and now it is "war plotting." I wonder what will be next?

—NOA ALULI: One of my chief reasons in making the petition in circuit court to have the property of Yee Yee Keuk returned to him is that there are some shirts in the lot. I see no reason why these should be refused him.

—FOSTER L. DAVIS: I would like to see the decision of the Washington judge who held that Hawaiian citizens were not made citizens of the United States by annexation. I guess he failed to read what the Organic Act has to say in the matter.

—FIRE CHIEF THURSTON: Two fire alarms were responded to Tuesday afternoon by the department, one at Bethel and King streets, at 4:15 o'clock, and the other at Liliha and King at 5:10 o'clock. Both were small and little damage was done by them.

—W. H. HUTTON: The third officer of the naval auxiliary Proteus, W. J. Bryant, is one of my old San Francisco playground boys. I felt a sense of pride when I learned to what a good position he had advanced. Last year when he was in port here he was second mate on the barkentine Griffiths. "Pop" Hutton, that's what the old playground bunch still calls me.

## Personal Mentions

A. M. BROWN, city and county attorney, is expected to return from his ranch on Maui on March 11.

MARSHALL B. HENSHAW filed his oath in circuit court and qualified as an attorney-at-law yesterday. He recently was admitted by Circuit Judge Ashford to practise law in the district courts of the territory.

O. G. RITCHIE, brother of E. R. Ritchie who has the contract for the Manoa improvement work, arrived on the Matsushita Tuesday and is familiarizing himself with the work to be done in the district. He is to have charge of the improvement, as his brother has contracts on the coast demanding his attention.

## WAYS TO SERVE POTATOES

Serve potatoes plain boiled only when they are new.

With roast meat serve potatoes mashed or roasted in the pan with the meat.

With fried meats serve baked potatoes.

With broiled steak serve creamed potatoes with a crisp fried vegetable like eggplant.

With roast pork serve baked potatoes, a green vegetable and a sour apple sauce.

With roast chicken serve mashed potatoes, onions and a sour jelly.

With roast lamb serve mashed potatoes, green peas or string beans, and a mint sauce.

Four hundred Finlanders on their way to America were halted at Copenhagen at the request of Russian authorities.

Austin W. Scott, acting dean of the Harvard Law School, denied that the school has endorsed the Brandeis appointment.

## PLAN CRUISES ON SATURDAYS FOR RECRUITS

### Naval Militia Men Will Have Gun Drill This Week With Two and Three-Pounders

Members of the Naval Militia of Hawaii had an evening's instruction Tuesday night at the Armory in knots and splices with W. H. Stroud of the customs service. Mr. Stroud is an old navy man and is proving himself a valuable instructor. The jackstay used by the men was built on the U. S. S. Navajo, under the direction of Chief Boatswain Metters, U. S. N., commanding.

Plans are under way for Saturday afternoon and Sunday cruises as soon as the men's uniforms arrive. It is possible that one or two of the local yachts will be used for this purpose until a vessel of the regular navy is permanently assigned to the Naval Militia of Hawaii. It is also probable that the U. S. S. Navajo will be detailed for an occasional cruise. In this way it is intended to give the Naval Militia training with various kinds of craft.

Next Saturday afternoon Commander Alonzo Gantley, N. M. H., will have charge of two volunteer gun crews on the Navajo wharf, where elementary gun drill will be given with the aid of some of the Navajo's petty officers. The men are fortunate in getting this drill on the very latest type of three-pounders, recently received by the Navajo, but which have not yet been mounted on her decks. The drill will begin at 1:30 o'clock sharp.

## DILLINGHAM IS NOT LOOKING FOR PLACE ON BOARD

"Not a word until I hear from the mayor," answered Walter F. Dillingham, when asked this morning whether he would accept an appointment to the board of supervisors if it was tendered him. He refused to say that he would accept it, or that he would not.

"I'm not looking for the job," was his non-committal declaration. Mayor Lane declares that his first announcement of the appointment will be made to the supervisors, perhaps at next week's meeting. He still has under consideration five names, he says. Asked whether Dillingham was not the only man who had any real chance of appointment, he smiled slowly and replied:

"Well, you seem pretty sure of your guess. You may be right."

## COMMERCE CHAMBER WILL INVITE HILL TO VISIT ISLANDS

Louis J. Hill, head of the great transportation interests on the mainland, will be invited by the Chamber of Commerce to visit the territory and look over the situation in regard to keeping the Great Northern on the Honolulu run. He may reach here about March 12. The chamber was formally requested to issue this invitation at the meeting of the Promotion Committee yesterday afternoon.

## SOCIETIES PLANNING FOR KAMEHAMEHA DAY

Plans for the celebration of Kamehameha Day this year were discussed at a meeting last night of representatives from the various leading Hawaiian societies. Tentative arrangements were suggested, but will be adjusted more completely at a meeting to be held in the Library of Hawaii on the evening of March 9. Representatives were present last night from the Hui Ohi Kane, the Kamehameha Lodge, Hui Poola, Hui Kaahumanu, Daughters of Warriors, Court Lunalihi, A. O. F., and Chiefs of Hawaii.

## POURED GASOLINE BY GLIMMER OF LANTERN

When Gregory Nahola attempted last night to pour gasoline by lantern light into a car belonging to Joe Clark, which stood in the Oahu Auto Stand, King and Bishop streets, he produced a fire that damaged the auto top some \$50, brought out the fire department on the run and sent Nahola home with a badly burned arm. The fire was put out before it had gained headway by a fire extinguisher in the hands of Manuel Richards.



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